Amendments to the Claims:

Without prejudice, this listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for testing a fuel metering system comprising:

checking injector contacts by a control unit during an initialization phase prior to starting up the fuel metering system;

driving injectors by the control unit for testing;

evaluating at least one of (a) current values and (b) voltage values to detect errors; and

controlling a fuel metering by the control unit during operation, wherein only the control unit performs the checking, driving, evaluating, and controlling steps.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising carrying out a test once ~~prior to startup,~~ prior to a first startup.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising carrying out a test when a speed variable is less than a threshold value.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising carrying out a test when a rail pressure variable is less than a threshold value.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising carrying out a test when a voltage variable is greater than a threshold value.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the detecting of errors includes a check for at least one of a short-circuit, an interruption and a polarity reversal of lines.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising, during a test, connecting the control unit to a diagnostic tester via which at least one of (a) the test is started and (b) results of the test are at least one of read-out and displayed.

8. (Original) A device for testing a fuel metering system consisting of ~~comprising~~:
a control unit for testing injector contacts during an initialization phase prior to starting up the fuel metering system, for controlling injectors for a test, for evaluating at least one of (a) current values and (b) voltage values for error detection purposes, and for controlling a fuel metering during operation.